



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Lenoir City, TN*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

Lenoir City was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Lenoir City (population 6,819) is located on the north bank of the Tennessee River. The median family income is approximately two-thirds of the national median, and more than 13 percent of the city's families live below the poverty level. Nearly 16 percent of the jobs lost in the eastern Tennessee region in 2002 were in Lenoir City. The city has not had a new industrial plant or plant expansion in over 15 years. The target property is located next to a low-income neighborhood with many migrant Hispanic residents. Assessment of the property will help the city determine the most effective industrial reuse for the site, which can generate private-sector investment, create new jobs, and eliminate blight.

### Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Lenoir City for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to assess a former rail car maintenance facility near the Tennessee River. Planned activities include surveying the site, conducting geotechnical and soil sampling, performing a risk assessment, and developing a concept plan for the site.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields)

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.